Agenda

10:00   Welcome

10:05   What you need to know about an energy audit (Charles Gould, MSUE)

10:35   Farmer perspective on participating in an energy audit (panel discussion)

11:15   Auditor perspective on working with farmers to complete an energy audit

11:30   Developing an energy management strategy (Al Go, MSUE)

12:00   Lunch

12:30   Funding to implement on-farm energy conservation practices through utility companies (Power company representative)

1:15    Funding to implement on-farm energy conservation practices through USDA REAP (USDA-RD)

2:15    Funding to implement on-farm energy conservation practices through USDA NRCS (USDA-NRCS)

2:45    Next steps (Al Go)

3:00    Adjourn

Workshop Purposes

The purposes of this workshop are to help farmers learn how to use an energy audit to develop an energy management strategy that:

a. Reduces overall farm energy expenses.

b. Effectively leverages utility company rebates and Federal grants and low interest loans to implement energy conservation practices recommended by an audit.

c. Facilitates applying for renewable energy project funding.

There is an unprecedented amount of money available to farmers who want to implement energy conservation practices on their farms.

Meeting Locations

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015
Location: DTE Energy North Area Energy Center, 4100 Doerr Road, Cass City, MI 48726

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Location: Smith Hall, 800 Sickles St, St. Johns, MI 48879

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015
Location: Olive Township Hall, 6480 136th Ave., Holland, MI 49424

Registration Information

Registration fee is $10.00. To register visit: http://events.anr.msu.edu/2015EnerConPro

Registration deadline: Friday, January 9, 2015

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Charles Gould at 616/994-4547 by January 9 to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

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